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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5767

AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 13872

PARIS FOR USPERMDEL UNESCO

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SUBJ: UNESCO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: RESOLUTION

ON JERUSALEM EXCAVATION

REF: STATE 286746

1. ON NOV 26 POLCOUNS SPOKE TO LIC IRIS DE FAJARDO OF FOREIGN MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL POLICY DIVISION WHO HANDLES UNESCO MATTERS AND MADE APPROACH REQUESTED IN REF. SHE LISTENED CAREFULLY AND SAID SHE WOULD PASS ON USG POSITION SO THAT SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS COULD MAKE A DECISION IN TIME FOR NOV 27 PLENARY VOTE. SHE STRESSED THAT VENEZUELAN DOES NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT ANTI-ISRAELI MOVES IN UN AND RELATED AGENCIES. HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT SEEK TO BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE. SHE ADDED, AS HER PERSONAL AND UNOFFICIAL JUDGMENT, THAT VENEZUELA WOULD ABSTAIN IN NOV 27 PLENARY VOTE. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH HER VIEW.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO HOW VENEZUELA VOTED

IN NOV 19 COMMISSION VOTE, FAJARDO SAID
FOREIGN MINISTRY DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW. SHE STATED GOV
UN AMBASSADOR CONSALVI HAD POSED SAME QUESTION AND
FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD SENT TELEGRAPHIC QUERY TO NAIROBI.
AS OF CONVERSATION, FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD NOT RECEIVED
REPLY. FAJARDO ASSUMED THAT, IN LINE WITH GOV
POLICY TOWARD ANTI-ISRAELI MOVES MENTIONED ABOVE,
VENEZUELA ABSTAINED.
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